

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Edgely Grove

AND/OR COMMON

Francis Smith Place

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

lane off of Smith Road

CITY, TOWN

Benson

— VICINITY OF

Fallston

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES RESTRICTED  
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☒ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Francis G. Smith

Telephone #: 877-7751

STREET & NUMBER

Smith Road

CITY, TOWN

Fallston

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code  
21047

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 677  
Folio #: 498

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This eastern-facing dwelling consists of two parts; a main unit and a smaller, possibly older section attached to the northern end. The walls of this structure are uncoursed rubble stone, quoined at the corners. Seams in the main unit indicate that parts of it's walls were built at different times. The main section measures three bays by two, containing 6 X 6 windows. The older wing, which is a shorter two stories than the other portion, is two openings across and two deep. Two entrances are positioned on the eastern side, one per unit, while a western entrance is located in the main section. These doorways feature architrave trim, cornices and beaded boards. The roof is gable-flank and made of slate, with two gabled dormers on the eastern slope of each section. A porch, which is not original, skirts most of the eastern facade of the larger wing. The lower roof recesses are trimmed with a box cornice. Brick corbeled chimneys are on the flush-ends of the main unit, and a third is located on the southern extreme of the older wing.

Most of the outbuildings are much more rescent in nature than the house, but there is a period springhouse on the southeastern slope from the dwelling.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This residence's tract was a 1000-acre parcel, patented in the late 1600's and known as the Grove. The 1783 Tax List indicates that Samuel Calwell already owned 111 acres of the Grove and 13 3/2 acres of nearby Bond's Forest. Calwell had been active in the Revolutionary War, being a signer of the 1775 Bush Declaration and also serving in John Taylor's Seventh Company of militia. In 1797, William Amoss, Jr., and Calwell purchased further parcels. Amoss was also a wartime militia man, and he was also instrumental in the founding of the Little Falls Friends Meeting House in Fallston. This home was built prior to 1800, as it does appear on the 1798 Tax List. It was constructed in three sections, with a frame part having since been removed. The Amoss family owned the farm until 1881, when Garrett Amoss finally sold to a non-Amoss.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Federal Tax List of 1798  
The Gateway; Fallston and Upper Crossroads Bicentennial Committee  
 Harford County Land Records  
 Martenet's Map of 1878  
 Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Publications, Philadelphia.  
 Preston, W. W.; History of Harford County, 1901, Sun Press, Baltimore.  
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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

222

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located north of and bounds upon the U.S. Route #1 bypass. It is accessible via a long lane that runs from Smith Road, which in turn is found on the eastern side of Connolly Road.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod / site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

July 30, 1976

TELEPHONE

267-1212

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	677	498	In 1965, Zero Inc. conveyed to Francis G. Smith 222 acres of Edgely Grove.
GRG	369	440	Francis Smith acquired the property from Georgia E. Howard in 1952.
Will			
JA	15	176	Dennis Hayes left the land to Francis G. Smith, Joseph C. Smith and Mary Smith Gardiner.
WSF	113	352	In 1901, Jacob A. Daxon, trustee, transferred the parcel to Dennis Hayes.
ALJ	43	129	Garrett Amos conveyed the farm to Elizabeth T. Watson in 1881.
ALJ	9	226	1. Mary Calwell conveyed property to Oliver Amoss in 1857.
HD	16	263	In 1833, James Amos sold the land to Mary Calwell.
JLG	N	443	James Amos sold 50 acres to William Calwell in 1797.
HD	7	103	2. Oliver H. Amoss obtained 50½ acres from George Stiegler in 1856.
ALJ	1	397	In 1854, Henry D. Bowyer conveyed this property to Oliver H. Amoss.
HD	20	141	a. In 1837, Augustus Bradford transferred 119 acres to Henry D. Bowyer, land that had originally belonged to Samuel Calwell.
JLG	N	343	Samuel Calwell received this parcel from William Amoss, Sr., in 1797.
HD	30	218	b. James Amoss conveyed 4½ acres to Henry D. Bowyer in 1844.



HA-1081

INVENTORY NO. 1081

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: EDGELEY GROVE (ORIG. THE GROVE)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EASTNAME OF OWNER: FRANCIS G. SMITHADDRESS: SMITH RD, FALLSTON OFF OF CONNOLLY RD., OFF  
HARLORD RD.STORIES: 1[ ] 2[☒] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ]  
OLD UNITWINGS, ADDITIONS: SMALL WING ON NORTH SIDE 2 X 2 BAY MAY BE OLDER THAN REST 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ]  
BAYS 3 X 2

## WALL CONSTRUCTION:

[ ] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)  
 [ ] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. ✓  
 [☒] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
 [ ] LOG NEWER UNIT ROUNDER

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONEFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE INCLOSURE OF WALLSWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[☒] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
 pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
 original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: MITRED FRAME 2 ON NORTH SIDE ONE ON SOUTH SIDE  
 HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ] 1 ON END OF UNIT OTHER ADJACENT IN WING  
 FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN DOORWAY TRIM - CORNICE WITH ARCHITRAVE

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: BOX CORNICES, ~~REPLACED~~  
 original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS SOME ARE REPLACED  
 MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[☒] replaced[ ]  
SHINGLE

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ] NOT ORIG.

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 1 FLUSH END ON WEST END 2ND UNIT, FLUSH END ON N. END  
 LOCATION: BRICK[☒] STONE[ ] CORBELED[☒] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FLUSH END BRICK ON OTHER END OF MAIN UNIT, ONE FLUSH END ON N. END OF SMALL UNIT

ARCHES: NONE

COMMENTS: SEAMS IN MAIN BUILDING INDICATES POSSIBLY THAT PART OF THE MAIN BUILDING WAS BUILT AT A DIFFERENT TIME  
2 GABLED DORMERS ON EACH UNIT

PERIOD SPRINGHOUSE ON PROPERTY





INVENTORY NO. 1081 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE: 3/13/76 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF PROPERTY: Edgely Grove (originally "the Grove")  
 LOCATION OF PROPERTY: off HAI Rd  
off Smith Road on a private lane  
 DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East  
 NAME OF OWNER: Francis G Smith 977-7737  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[✓] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ]  
 WINGS, ADDITIONS: 3x2 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ]

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

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  - [ ] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
  - [✓] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins plain, rusticated
  - [ ] LOG
- SMOOTH IN NEWER UNITS, ROUGH IN OLDER

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONE

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[✓] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
 pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
 original[ ] replaced[ ] Bead present

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
 FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN MITRED FRAME

Box  
 CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
 MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[✓] and replaced[✓]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ] NOT ORIGINAL

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[ ] STONE[ ] CORBELED[✓] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
 LOCATION: Flush end

ARCHES: NONE

COMMENTS: Gambrel Roofed BARN



Edgely Grove HA-1081

Benson, MD

Paul Penrod

East

3/76



Edgely Grove Springhouse HA-1081  
Fallston, MD  
Susan M. Deeney 3/76  
West